

- * Wheat harvested for grain which was double-cropped to either cotton or soybeans.
- ** Approximately 30 nurseries.
- *** Conservation Reserve Program. (Note: Hurricane Ivan damaged a number of tree plantings that had to be clear-cut and taken out of the program.)
- **** Amount paid by FSA for disaster payments, conservation programs and for participation in voluntary farm programs in cotton, corn, grain sorghum, oats, and wheat.

Santa Rosa County AG Facts

- 1) Florida's leader in conservation tillage. Growers continued to expand the adoption of conservation tillage in 2004 to approximately 28,000 acres (16,000 ac. cotton and 12,000 ac. peanuts).
- 2) Florida's leader in cotton production. In 1993, we were the U.S. leader in dryland cotton production.
- 3) Florida's leader in peanut yields.
- 4) Leads the state in farmer participation in the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) with over 275 contracts.
- 5) Leads the state with the number of acres of Class I prime farmland.
- 6) The Santa Rosa County Farm Tour began in 1966 and is the longest running annual farm tour in the state.

Adequate rainfall and good growing conditions occurred through mid-September resulting in excellent potential for most crops. However, Hurricane Ivan struck the area on September 16 resulting in loss of approximately 100 percent of the pecan crop and 30 percent of the cotton crop.

2004 Precipitation in Inches

(West Florida Research and Education Center, Jay Farm)

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
56-yr.	3.40	7.19	0.87	3.65	1.47	10.87	8.80	8.31	13.16	2.84	9.36	5.21
Avg.	5.31	5.00	6.44	4.68	4.21	7.59	7.79	6.45	6.59	3.68	4.47	4.99
Total Rainfall												
<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>56-yr. Avg.</u>		
87.17	65.42	70.19	77.29	53.07	52.13	55.02	69.03	69.51	75.13	67.20		

2004 Temperature °F

Max.	72.1	70.7	84.4	83.9	91.0	92.6	96.0	93.0	89.9	88.4	82.7	75.8
Min.	25.8	27.9	32.6	37.6	45.8	65.1	68.9	63.9	62.8	44.6	33.1	23.2